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DEPARTMENT ACTION ON APPLICATION IN DOCKET OST-2001-10417-/4

(Delta Air Lines, Inc., Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., Comair, Inc., and Alitalia-Linee Aeree Italiane-S.p.A., Alitalia Team S.p.A., Alitalia Express S.p.A., and Eurofly S.p.A. - Blanket Statements of Authorization - U.S.-Italy Open-Skies Codesharing)

Background: In granting this application by Notice of Action Taken dated October 26, 2001, we noted that Alitalia-Linee Aeree Italiane (Alitalia) did not operate services with its own aircraft. Rather, it wet leased aircraft from its three wholly-owned subsidiaries, Alitalia Team, Alitalia Express, and Eurofly, for the conduct of authorized services. Therefore, we limited Alitalia's statement of authorization to services operated under wet lease from the named wholly-owned subsidiaries. ¹

Relief Requested: By letter dated October 7, 2002, Alitalia informed us of the merger of Alitalia Team into its parent company, Alitalia-Linee Aeree Italiane, and requested removal of the restriction on the blanket statement of authorization issued to Alitalia in this docket on October 26, 2001, which limits Alitalia's codesharing authority to services operated under a wet lease from Alitalia Team or Alitalia Express. Alitalia states that with the change in corporate structure, Alitalia itself will be the operating company as to those services previously operated by Alitalia Team.

Action taken under assigned authority (14 CFR §385.13): We amend footnote 1 of the conditions attached to the statement of authorization granted on October 26, 2001, in this docket to the extent necessary to permit Alitalia to operate those services previously operated by Alitalia Team.

Date of Action: October 16, 2002

Director, Office of International Aviation

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this action under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.31, should file their petitions within seven days of the date of this action. This action is effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter its effectiveness.

¹ We deferred action on that portion of the application to the extent it involved code-share services on flights operated by Eurofly.